

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please amend the abstract as follows:

An input device (~~50~~) for the activation and control of functions of at least one apparatus (~~10, 11, 12, 16~~) of a dentist's or dental treatment station/work station, wherein the input device (~~50~~) has a first input element (~~52~~) for the generation of navigation information for the control of a pointer on a user interface, which is represented on a display (~~13~~) of the dentist's treatment station, at least one second input element (~~55~~) for the generation of control information with which functions of the apparatuses (~~10, 11, 12, 16~~) are selectable and/or activatable independently of the navigation information generated by means of the first input element (~~52~~), and transfer means (~~51~~) for the wireless transfer of the navigation and control information generated with the aid of the first and second input elements (~~52, 55~~) to the apparatuses (~~10, 11, 12, 16~~) or to a functional unit (~~41~~) connected upstream of the apparatuses (~~10, 11, 12, 16~~). The input device is so configured that the control information generated via the second input element is usable independently of a unit, e.g. a central server, administering the user interface, for control of the apparatus.

[Fig. 1]